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I don't have much time to write a lengthy email, but I thought it important to express how I feel about the Microsoft Settlement. I feel like Microsoft has talked their way out of any significant punishment for their monopolistic behavior. If you look at the commercial software and OS market there just isn't any other options for consumers than Microsoft. It shouldn't be that way. Software engineers have new ideas, but they don't even try to start new companies based those ideas for fear of Microsoft just including the functionality in their OS. The company should have been broken up into 2 separate companies along the lines of OS and Applications. The proposed settlement only strengthens Microsoft. Did the Department of Justice have anything to do with the proposed settlement? It sound like Microsoft lawyers wrote it.

Sincerely, Michael S. Hoggan

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